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SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE RELEASES SAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL AIMS TEST TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN PREPARING FOR SPRING 2005

PHOENIX (Tuesday, December 21, 2004) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne today released a sample high school AIMS test to assist students in preparing for the upcoming testing in the spring of 2005. The sample test was developed this fall by Arizona educators who previously worked on the development of the AIMS test. The sample test is parallel in difficulty and format to the formal test.

"I have worked very hard since taking office to make this test more closely aligned to the Arizona standards," Horne stated. "The new test that the students will take this spring has been totally developed by Arizona's educators."

Horne added: "Our goal is to assist students, teachers and administrators with every tool possible to help the students succeed on the AIMS test."

Sample tests for other grade levels are in development and will be released as soon as possible.

For a copy of the sample high school AIMS test, visit our website www.ade.az.gov and click "Sample AIMS test" under Hot Topics.

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